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LOCAL FOODS, LOCAL PLACES SUMMIT AND PEER EXCHANGE: JULY 24-25, 2017

PROGRAM BACKGROUND: Local Foods, Local Places (LFL) via grants/investments, helps existing neighborhoods as they develop local food systems. LFLP supports community-driven efforts to boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses. To date, 92 communities have received assistance through LFLP and its precursor program, *Livable Communities in Appalachia*.

SPONSORS: EPA, USDA-Rural Development and Agricultural Marketing Service, Centers for Disease Control, Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Appalachian Regional Commission, and Delta Regional Commission. (NOTE: ARC is a key partner: Co-Chair Earl Gohl is speaking and ARC provided funding for communities to attend).

RESULTS: One analysis of this work showed that for every \$3 federal agencies invested in LFLP, communities attracted \$55 dollars in additional investment. With LFLP assistance, Corbin, KY, saw its downtown vacancy rate drop from 40% to under 6% in less than 2 years and a community kitchen in Walterboro, South Carolina, helped create 10 new businesses and 44 new jobs in less than 2 years.

EVENT BACKGROUND: Many LFLP communities have asked for a forum to connect with other communities that have received LFLP assistance. The Summit responds to that requesting, bringing community representatives together for robust peer exchange. We expect about 75 speakers and attendees from LFLP communities, with another 50 participants from EPA and other federal agencies.

EVENT SUMMARY:

- Representatives from 20 communities presenting:

Ajo, AZ (R9)
Bessemer, AL (R4)
Corbin, KY
Forest County, PA (R3)
Gloucester, MA (R1)
Henderson, NV (R9)
High Point, NC (R4)

Honolulu, HI (R9)
Huntington, WV
Lake Village, AR (R6)
New Albany, MS (R4)
North Wilkesboro, NC (R4)
Palmer, AK (R6)
Passaic, NJ (R2)
Rainelle, WV
Tracy City, TN
Walterboro, SC (R4)
Weakley County, TN (R4)
Wheeling, WV
Williamson, WV

- Representatives from **17** communities are also attending and participating:

Albuquerque, NM (R6)
Appleton City, MO (R7)
Barbourville, KY
Cincinnati, OH (R5)
Coamo, Puerto Rico (R2)
Connellsville, PA (R3)
Flippin, AR (R6)
Gary, IN (R5)
Hazard/Perry County, KY
Henderson/Vance County, NC (R4)
Jamestown, NY (R2)
Lafayette, LA (R6)
Martinsville, VA (R3)
Middlesboro, KY
Nogales, AZ (R9)
Pikeville, TN
Winder, GA (R4)

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